

Scoil Bhride—Loreto National School Newsletter

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Welcome to our Readers

Hello everyone! This is our eleventh issue of our annual newsletter and we hope you will enjoy reading all about the wonderful things we did throughout the year and of course, all the hard work that we did during the year. As you will see, it was a very busy year for all of us.

Scoil Bhride would like to wish the sixth class every good luck as they go into secondary school. Go dté sibh slán.

East Kerry Cumann na mbunscoil Trophy

On Tuesday 28th of November Seamus Moynihan, All-star Kerry footballer, from Glenflesk visited our school to present our football team with the Cumann na mbunscoil East Kerry Cup and medals. The teachers and pupils all came out to greet him. The weather was a dreadful but we were delighted he took the time to come to our school. First he gave a speech, congratulating our trainer, Mrs O'Sullivan and us. He encouraged us to keep playing. Mrs O'Sullivan welcomed Seamus and said he was a



Seamus Moynihan presents the East Kerry Cup to Laurence Byrnes Captain.

role model for us on and off the field. She praised us for our attitude also. We didn't give out and we didn't give up. This is why we were successful as a team. Then Seamus presented our team captain Laurence Byrnes, with the cup. After that he presented each team member with a medal. We were very pleased that we got our medals from Seamus Moynihan, and we hope that our school team will win many football cups in the near future. Mrs Moynihan took a photograph of everyone receiving their medal. We will treasure these photographs always.

**By; Cian O'Lionard
6th Class**

THE Back to Future

We are very grateful to Mary Shannahan of Brú na Páirce for the use of her premises for the last year. Moving to Brú na Páirce was like moving to a ready made school with many teaching facilities in place. It would have been impossible to carry out normal teaching in Loreto with the extensive renovations carried out. Go raibh míle míle maith agat.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

The first Holy Communion Class of 2007 have contributed a donation from their Holy Communion gifts to help a volunteer worker going to an Argentinean orphanage run by an Irish priest. This orphanage depends solely on funds from Ireland. Children in this orphanage are mentally and physically disabled children who have been abandoned by their families and by the state. Mile Buíochas children "Ye are the greatest, yes ye are cos Jesus told ye so"!!!

Your donations will change the lives of these children and greatly help their quality of life.



Front (l-r): Lawrence Byrnes, Christopher Buckley, Bishop William Murphy, Shona O'Sullivan and Ben Quinlan.
Back: Gearóid Coughlan, Cian O'Lionaird, Ellen O'Sullivan, Elizabeth Fuller, Caoimhe Doyle. Fr. Kevin McNamara, Tomás O'Sullivan and Mrs O'Sullivan.



Heineken Cup visits Scoil Bhríde



Gap of Dunloe Trip

One of the wonderful traditions of Loreto School is that when you reach 6th class you get to go on an exciting trip to the Gap of Dunloe.

The excitement of preparing to go on this journey the night before is amazing. We were all looking forward to learning new interesting things.

On Thursday May 3rd sixth class set off on a life changing journey. We got lifts to St. Mary of the angels School where we made wonderful new friends who travelled a mile with us.

After that mile we sat down at the Coleen Bawn Cottage and had a picnic, lots of goodies and lots of laughs. We took photos and we were sad to say goodbye to our new friends. After saying goodbye we headed off up through the Gap with Mrs. O' Sullivan and Gráinne. We admired the beautiful scenery carved out by glaciations. We arrived at Lord Brandon's Cottage to meet our boatman who happened to be my granda Jim Doyle.

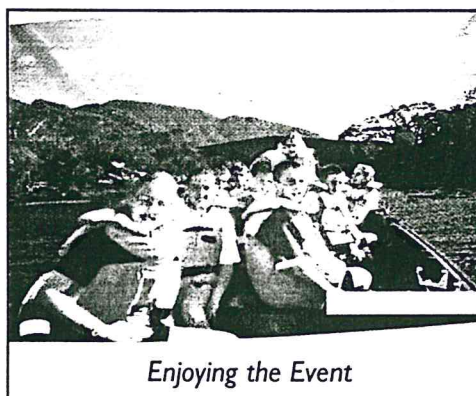
We climbed into our boat and travelled through the three lakes and the Long Range River. The scenery was beautiful and Jim told us stories about Leprechauns and showed us Ireland's only elephant which is a rock shaped like an elephant. As we travelled through the three lakes we saw deer grazing on the mountain side. We saw lots of gorse which had bloomed and was a gorgeous shade of yellow hiding amongst the green grass. We stopped on Innisfallen Island for a Going Forth Prayer Service. The service was lovely as the sun was shining and the birds were chirping merrily. The famous high king of Ireland, Brian Boru went to school on Innisfallen. Our final stop was Ross Castle where we met our parents and told them about the great day we had. We had a magnificent day and we all took something very

important from our journey and that was: *be thankful for your health.*

I don't think this day would have been as special if it wasn't for the children of St. Mary's of the Angels School.

By Caoimhe Doyle

6th Class



Enjoying the Event



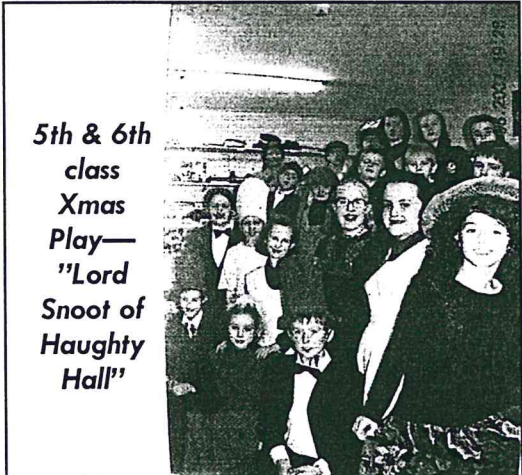
Cian Ó Lionaird presents the proceeds of our School Magazine to Mrs. Crosbie



Up Kerry—the Day "Sam" visited the School



Our Annual gap trip



5th & 6th class Xmas Play—"Lord Snoot of Haughty Hall"



Helping Others Christmas Toy Appeal 2006



"The Christmas Story" Junior and Senior Infants after their performance



Conor, Thomas and Aisling with some of the bags of old clothes that were collected to "Fill the Van"



Green School Committee and 5th & 6th Class on a visit to Kerry Alternative Technology Centre in Sneem

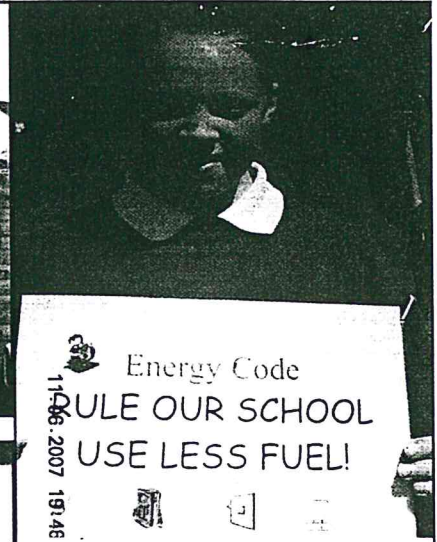
Girls Skills Competition



Elaine Courtney, Rebecca Walsh and Ellen O'Sullivan

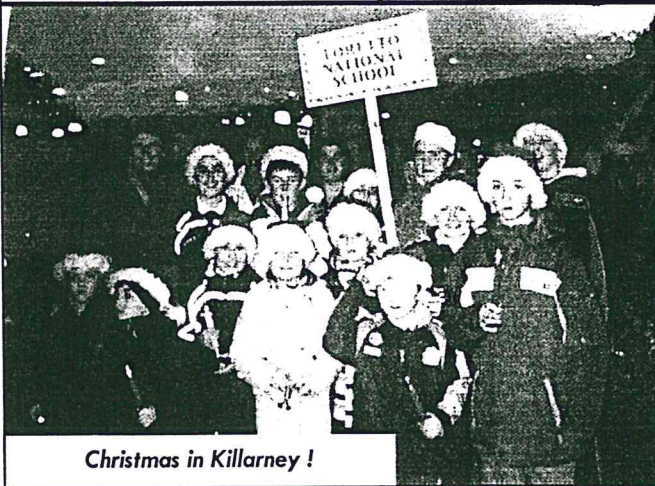


Green School Committee members with Environmental Officer Michael Ó Coileáin, after he installed a compositor in the school

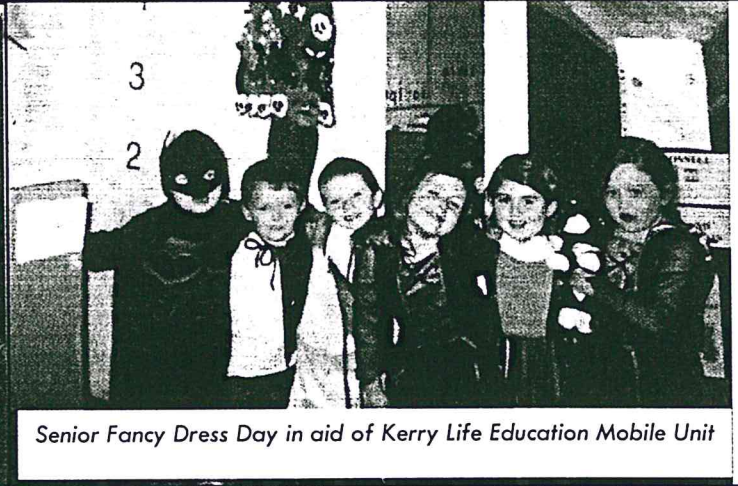


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RULE OUR SCHOOL
USE LESS FUEL!

Elaine Courtney with her winning energy code slogan



Christmas in Killarney!

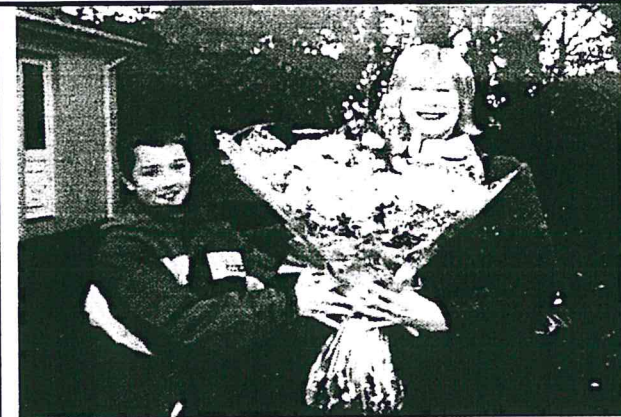


Senior Fancy Dress Day in aid of Kerry Life Education Mobile Unit

Ghost Busters !!



3rd & 4th Class pupils participate in An Taisce's National Spring Clean Campaign



Ben Quinlan makes a presentation to Mrs Marina Buckley on behalf of all the children in Scoil Bhríde



Winners of East Kerry Final '06/'07

ALL ABOUT ME , MY FAMILY & FRIENDS BY JUNIOR INFANTS

<p>Hello! I am Donal. I like to play with Fiachra!</p> <p>by Donal</p>	<p>Hi! Can you see me? I am Ciara!</p> <p>by ciara</p>
<p>Hello! Look at me! I am playing with my sister Niamh!</p> <p>by Aisling C</p>	<p>Hello! This is Adam. I like to eat pancakes & duck!!</p> <p>by Adam</p>
<p>Hello! I am Isobel! I am 4.</p> <p>by Isobel</p>	<p>Hi! Look at Aine! I like to hide from Mammy!!</p> <p>by AINE</p>
<p>Hi! I am Thomas. I like to play tricks on Uncle Tommy!</p> <p>by Thomas</p>	<p>Hello! I am Filip. I am 5.</p> <p>by FILIP</p>
<p>Hi! I am Eimear! I like to play hide and seek!!</p> <p>by Eimear</p>	<p>Hello! I am Zena! I can swim.</p> <p>by Zena</p>
<p>Hello! This is Ruth!! I like to eat bacon and cabbage.</p> <p>by Ruth</p>	<p>Hi! Look at me! I like to run.</p> <p>by Emily</p>
<p>Hi! I am Aisling! I am 5.</p> <p>by Aisling</p>	<p>Hello! I am Brooke. This is my Mammy.</p> <p>by Brooke</p>
<p>Hello! Can you see Margret? I am hiding from Robert!!</p> <p>by Margaret</p>	

**JOKES
BY SENIOR INFANTS**

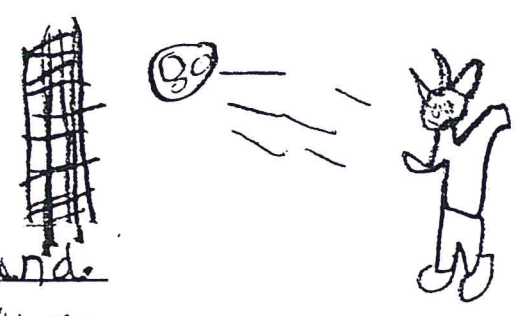
<p>Q) What do you call a goat that lives by the sea? Ans: Billy Ocean by Eve O'Donoghue</p>	<p>Q) What do you call a fossil that doesn't have a job? Ans: Lazy Bones by Donald Lucey</p>
<p>Gary: "Will you know me in 6 days?" Teacher "Yes I will" Gary "Will you know me in 3 days?" Teacher: "Yes I will" Gary "Knock! knock!" Teacher "Who's there?" Gary "I thought you said you knew me!" by Gary O'Connor</p>	<p>Emily: "Knock! Knock!" Teacher "Who is there?" Emily: "Banana" Teacher "Banana who?" Emily "Banana who are you?" by Emily-Rose McCallen</p>
<p>Rachel "Knock! Knock!" Teacher "Who's there?" Rachel "You!" Teacher "You who?" Rachel "You whooo to you too!" by Rachel McCarthy</p>	<p>Q) Why did the skeleton go to the butcher? Ans: To get some spare ribs!!! by Fergal Murphy</p>
<p>Q) What do you call a cat that sucks lemons? Ans: A Sour Puss!!! by Olan O'Donoghue</p>	<p>Q) Why did Ms. O'Connell wear sunglasses in class? Ans: Because Senior Infants were SO BRIGHT! by Laura Mulcahy</p>
<p>Q) Why didn't the skeleton go to the party? Ans: Because he had NO BODY to go with him!!! by Oisín O'Connor</p>	<p>Q) What do you call a cow that eats grass? Ans: A lawn- MOOwer!!! by Austin Collins</p>
<p>Q) What do you call a pig that knows karate? Ans: Port chop! Hi yeah! by Aisling Doyle</p>	<p>Q) Why do basketball players love cookies? Ans: Because they can "dunk" them!!!! by Peter O'Sullivan</p>

Ms. Bowe's class)

I like Soccer and I like to play my PSP. I like to play on my Swing.

My hobbies are soccer and play station. Soccer is good and play station is good too but soccer is the best.

by Cian Gammell



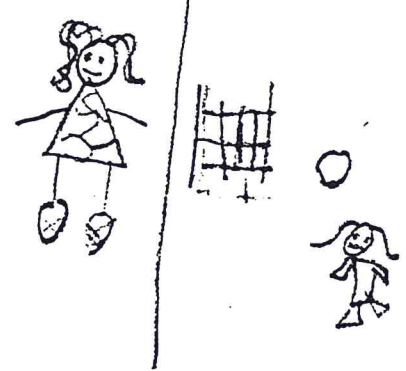
By Sean Courtney

My hobbies are Irish dancing and cycling to Muckross house. And playing with my friends. I like to go to stage school and football.

by Shannon O Shea

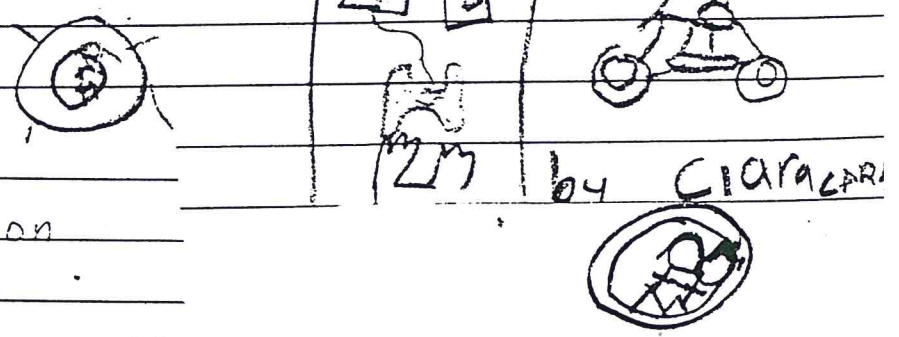
my hobbies are playing soccer I have lots of hobbies. Soccer is a good game. I like to bounce on my trampoline. I like dancing too.

by Emily Cronin



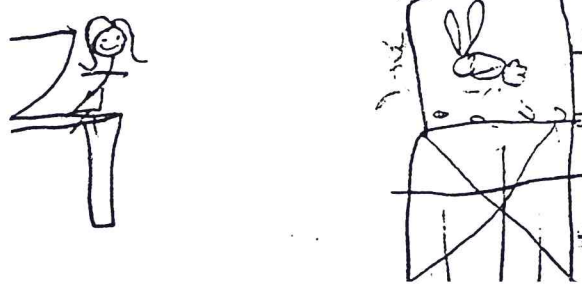
my hobbies are playing on my bike and my trampoline too. I like my play station

I like football
I like watching TV.
I like soccer.
I like playing play station



by Saoirse O Connor

My hobby is bouncing on my square trampoline. on my paddling pool. I have lot of hobbies. one of them is soccer and football too. and to play dress up. to



hu Sarah Burnes

My name is Connor.
I am 6 years old.
I have green eyes
I have fair hair.
My favourite
colour is blue
My favourite animal
is a dog.



My name is Connor.
I am 6 1/2 years
old. I have
blue eyes and
blonde hair.
My favourite colour
is red.
My favourite animal
is a cow.

My name is David.
I am 6 years old.
I have brown eyes
and brown hair.
My favourite colour
is blue.

My name is Jack
I am 6 years
old.
I have
fair hair.
My favourite
colour
is red.

My name is Kate Stack.
I am 6 years old.

I have green eyes and brown hair.
My favourite colour is red.
My favourite animal
is a puppy.

My name is Tristan
I am six years old
I have blue eyes
and blonde hair.
My favourite colour
is blue.

My name is Daniel.
I am 6 1/2 years old.
I have blonde hair.
My favourite colour
is orange. My favourite
animal is a dinosaur.

by
Senior Infants
(Ms. Bowe's class)

	<p>Litter Busters 1st & 2nd</p> <p>Tristan O' Donoghue (Senior Infants) wins the Environmental Awareness & Care shield for the month.</p>
January	<p>Litter Busters 5th & 6th</p> <p>Energy Electricity Bill Audit carried out by Committee. Target to reduce amount of electricity to 2,000 units in next bill.</p> <p>" Switch off & unplug" campaign launched</p> <p>Energy Code Competition launched</p> <p>Hannah Collins 4th class wins the shield.</p>
February	<p>Litter Busters 3rd & 4th</p> <p>" Fill the Van Campaign" 20 refuse bags of old clothes, bedlinen & shoes are collected. E10 awarded to Scoil Bhríde & E10 donated to the National Council of the Blind.</p> <p>The Department declines the school's application to install an alternative eco-friendly heating system in the new building..</p>
March	<p>Electricity Meter audit</p> <p>Winning Energy Code " RULE OUR SCHOOL. USE LESS FUEL!" By Elaine Courtney 5th class.</p> <p>The School's Energy Rangers Eva & Hannah informs each class about the Green Schools Energy Saving Tips.</p>
April	<p>Litter Busters: Junior & Senior Infants</p> <p>"Low Electricity Day"- Monday 23rd Aim: to use less than 36 units</p> <p>Energy Action Day also Monday 23rd. Juniors, Senior Infants & 1st class participate in the Energy Guzzler Colouring competition.</p> <p>Pupils Attending Mrs Whitty & Mrs Moynihan play the Energy Game</p> <p>5th, 6th & some members of the Green school Committee visit The Kerry Alternative Technology Centre in Sneem.</p> <p>Energy Target achieved : 22 units of</p>

	<p>electricity used. A reduction of 14 units.</p> <p>Audit on how pupils travel to /from school. Audit carried out by Laurence & Conor.</p> <p>Scoil Bhríde participates in An Taisce's National Spring Clean campaign</p> <p>Unfortunately the Department declines the school's application to install solar panels in the new building.</p> <p>Rachel McCarthy Senior Infants wins the shield.</p>
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ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE:

- Recycling in the school increased by over 50%
- Pupils, teachers , ancillary staff and parents are now implementing saving tips. We all have been transformed from “ Energy Guzzlers” in to “ Energy Savers”
- Electricity use reduced by 38 %
- Electricity bill also reduced.
- Installation of energy efficient lighting system in the new building. These lights may be operated by sensors or placed on timers
- Less than 50% of our pupils now come to school by bus. Therefore reducing the amount of CO2 fuel emissions released in to atmosphere.

Finally on behalf of the Green School's committee, I'd like to thank everyone who supported our Green schools Campaign this school year- the children, the teachers, the ancillary staff and parents. The achievements to date are remarkable and the children & teachers have realised that their actions & behaviour can have a positive impact on our planet's future. Everyone in Scoil Bhríde are working towards a sustainable future and will be applying ,please God, for their Energy flag in February 2008.

(Esther O' Connell Green Schools Co-Ordinator)

GREEN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME 2000/07

The Green Schools committee members were busy again this school year organising activities to promote environmental awareness & care within the school. We faced a challenging task this school year, as we were in an unfamiliar & new environment. However, we successfully overcame all obstacles and we not only reduced our energy bills in Brú na Páirce but we tried our best to ensure that the new building at Scoil Bhíde would benefit from energy-efficient devices.

The following were elected on to the Energy Committee- Thomas Cronin, Aisling Doyle, Conor Lucey, Sarah Byrnes, Eva Buckley, Billy Courtney, Seán O' Brien, Hannah Collins, Conor Murphy and Laurence Byrnes. Below is a sample of some of the activities that were held in Scoil Bhíde to date.

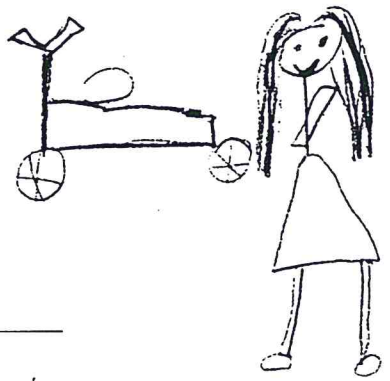
MONTH	ACTIVITY
September	<p>Energy Committee elected and established. Jobs assigned to Committee members and individual pupils.</p> <p>Board of Management investigates the possibility of installing a wooden pellet heating system & solar panels in the new school building.</p>
October	<p>Whole school Recycling Competition launched. Two categories: Best Class & Best Recycling Rangers in each classroom. Prizes generously sponsored by the Randles Family.</p> <p>Ms. O' Connell nominates the pupils of Scoil Bhíde for an Environmental Award organised by Kerry County Council in association with the Kerryman.</p>
November	<p>K.C.C . Environmental Officer Micháel Ó Coileáin visits the school.</p> <p>Compostor set up in upper field. Dingle (Irish speaking) worms placed in the compositor.</p> <p>Litter Busters: Senior Infants & 1st</p> <p>Textile Recycling Campaign Launched. School participates in " Fill the van" campaign".</p> <p>Conor Murphy 5th wins the Environmental awareness & Care shield.</p>
December	<p>Junior & Senior Infants win the overall class prize for Recycling.</p> <p>Donal Lucey, Aisling Doyle, Shannon O' Shea, Ciara Carroll, Daragh Donnelly, Laura O' Sullivan, Eimear O' Sullivan , Niamh O' Sullivan, Zoe O' Sullivan & Caoimhe Doyle are the best Recycling Rangers in their class & they each win a E10 voucher for the Cineplex in Killarney.</p>

my name is GRAZIA
 I like soccer. I
 can't play it on
 Tuesday or Thursday
 because I have karate.

I like to
 go on the trampoline
 in my free time.
 And I watch tv.
 I like to play dodgeball.
 I play my computer
 in my spare time.

I like bouncing on the
 trampoline with my brothers. I
 like to cycle on my bike. I like
 to watch tv. I like skipping
 as well. I like to go to my friend's
 house.
 by Caoimhe Kelly

Kein Lavery

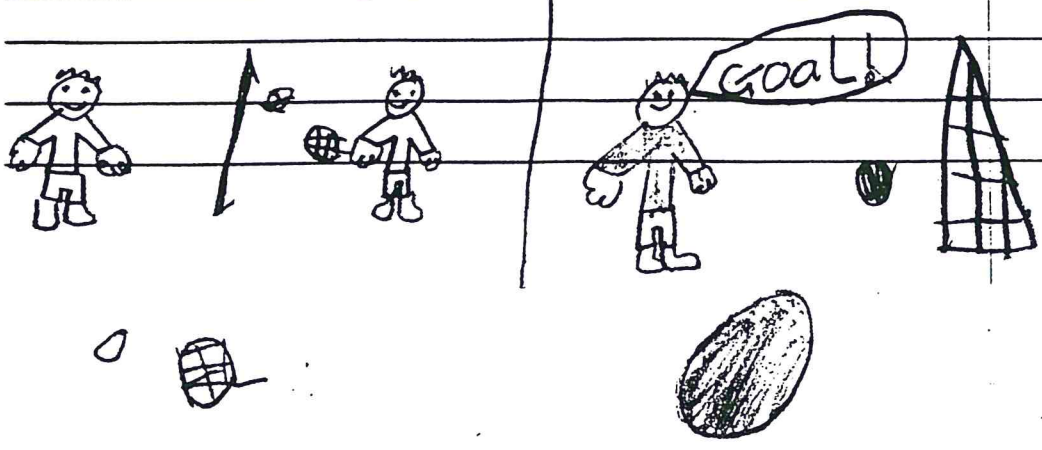


My hobby is soccer.
 I support Chelsea. My favourite
 player is Frank Lampard.
 He is a very good player
 for Chelsea. Soccer is a very
 good hobby. by Darren Mulcahy.

I like to play my Nintendo DS in
 my free time. I like to relax.
 And I like to play soccer
 by Lorcan McMonagle



Hi I'm Fiachra, and in my free time I like to
 play soccer my favourite team is
 Liverpool and sometimes I play
 tennis. by Fiachra O'Connell.



"We are the greatest!"

By: The WOW Class of 2007

I was very happy when I received Jesus in First Holy Communion for the first time. I celebrated in the Plaza Hotel with my cousin Rebecca who also made her First Holy Communion on that day. I went home after and had another party at home. I had a great day and I was very tired.

By: LAURA O'SULLIVAN

I went to the church at 10.30a.m. My classmates and I processed up the church with flowers. My jobs on the day were to say a prayer of the faithful and to bring up a candle during the offertory procession. After church all my class went to the Community Centre. There were lots of sweets and we had good fun. My family and I went home afterwards for a big party.

By: JAMES MCAULIFFE.

Our First Holy Communion day is a very special day in our lives. We celebrated it on the 19th May. I was reading a prayer of the faithful. There were lots of people there. I was singing the Responsorial Psalm with Lucy, Aine, Patrick and Dónal. After Mass I was very happy that I had made my First Holy Communion. Afterwards I had a big party with my family.

By: ADA FLEMING.

At Mass I sang the Responsorial Psalm "My Shepherd is the Lord". After Mass I went on a boat trip on the Killarney Lakes and I also went on a jaunting car. For supper my family and I went to The Aghadoe Heights. I had a great day.

By: LUCY COLLINS.

All of my classmates and I received our First Holy Communion on the 19th May. I read the second reading. I brought up the grapes for the Offertory Procession. All of my classmates and I received Jesus in 1st Holy Communion for the very first time. After mass everybody went to the Community Centre. Later my family and I went home to have a party.

By: EVA BUCKLEY

On Saturday I received my First Holy Communion for the first time. It was very exciting. I was a commentator during the Offertory Procession. I went to the Killarney Oaks for Lunch and then I went home with my family. We had great fun on the bouncy castle.

By SHAUNA COURTNEY.

On the day of my First Holy Communion I was very excited. All my classmates and I had fun. I got lots of presents and cards. My first Holy Communion was the 19th May. I welcomed everybody to the church and I brought up the book of the sick to the altar during the Offertory Procession. After mass everybody went to the community centre. It was a celebration I will never forget.

By: ELIZABETH MOHAN.

On Saturday May 19th it was my First Holy Communion. I was a commentator for the gifts during the Offertory Procession. My job was to sing the Responsorial Psalm with Lucy, Ada Patrick, and Dónal. Then I received my First Holy Communion. After mass all my friends and I went to the Community Centre and we had lots of sweets. When I went home my cousins and I went on a jaunting car. I had a great day.

By: ÁINE O'SULLIVAN.

On the 19th May it was my First Holy Communion. My reading was a story about Jesus and the children. My job was bringing up the flowers at the Dressing of the Altar. I had a great day and afterwards I went to the Brehon Hotel. It was the best day ever. Later that evening I went home and had lots of sweets and jellies. My cousins had a sleep over and we all stayed up until 1.30a.m.

By AMY SHEAHAN.

Continued...>>>>>>>>>>>>>

The WOW Factor continued...

On my first Holy Communion day I was very excited. I got lots of presents. My job was to bring up the wheat at the Offertory Procession and my reading went like this ~ Today we will receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time, it will strengthen us through life, we praise God for this gift in our lives." After Mass I celebrated with my family. I got lots of money and I bought my cousins a drink. It was probably the best day of my life.

By PETER O'DONOGHUE.

On Saturday May 19th I received my First Holy Communion. I said a Prayer of the Faithful and I brought up a candle during the Dressing of the Altar. After mass I went to the Community Centre. Then we went back to my house. I had lots of sweets and I got lot of cards.

By: BILLY COURTNEY.

It was my First Holy Communion on the 19th May 2007. After mass my family and I went to the Community Centre. Then we went for a meal to the Royal Hotel. We also went to Muckross and took some photos. I gelled up my hair.

By JOHN BEECHER.

On May 19th I received my First Holy Communion. I was very excited. I read a Prayer of the Faithful. I was a little nervous about bringing up my lighted candle with James. I went back to my house after the Community Centre to celebrate.

By: GARY LYNE.

I received my First Holy Communion on the 19th May. My reading was the story of "We are the greatest.". I also had to sing the Responsorial Psalm "My Shepherd is the Lord". After the Church we went to Muckross Community Centre and after that I went to my house with my family and we had some food. Tom, Neisha, Johnny and Lorcan came to my party. It was a brilliant day.

By: PATRICK WRENN.

On May 19th it was my First Holy Communion Day. I was very excited. I received Jesus for the first time. I had a nice day and my mum and dad were very proud of me. I got lots of money. There was a big party at the Community Centre. I had a party at my house too. All my cousins and friends were there. I cut the cake. It was the best day of my life.

By: DAVID SHAW.

On the day of my First Holy Communion I had great fun. I read a commentary during the Offertory Procession. I brought up the flowers at the Dressing of the Altar. After Mass we went to the Community Centre where we got crisps, sweets and chocolate. I had a big celebration when I got home with lots of food and drink. I got lots of cards and money. I had a great day.

By: DARRAGH DONNELLY.

On the morning of my First Holy Communion I was very excited. I sang "My Shepherd is the Lord". During the Offertory Procession I was a commentator. After mass I went to the Community Centre with my family and all my friends. I then went home where we had a big party. I had a great day.

By: DÓNAL O'SULLIVAN.

On Saturday last I made my First Holy Communion. I received Jesus for the first time. I hope Jesus will strengthen me for my journey through life. I was very excited that morning. After church we went to the Community Centre. I had lots of pictures taken. Then we went home to have my party. It was good fun.

By: ALDINA MURPHY.

WOW !That's us...! by: Mrs Foley's 2nd class

Our Favourite Hobbies

by: Mrs Foleys 1st class

My favourite hobby is reading. I like to play soccer and basketball with my friends. I love knitting at school. I like to swim in a pool. I like to watch t.v. and play with my Nintendo and Playstation 2 games

by : *Luke Casey*

My hobbies include playing with my friends and watching t.v. My favourite hobby is knitting. I like to read too. I love going shopping in Daly's Supervalu with my mom!

by: *Natalia Kennedy*

My favourite hobbies are playing football and soccer. I like to visit my friends Kevin and Luke. We have lots of fun together. I would like to go to London again!

by: *Robert O'Brien*

I have many hobbies. I like to play with my friends and my dog. I like to watch t.v. and to read. I love going to school! I like to knit. I like sleepovers a lot and I love shopping in Claire's.

by: *Abigail O'Donoghue*

The hobbies I like most are playing with my friends, knitting, watching t.v. and reading. I also like playing with my gameboy and going on sleepovers. I love going shopping in Claire's. I am very happy when I am eating sweets!

by: *Aisling O'Mahony*

I love shopping in the Outlet Centre and watching television. I love playing with my friends and my sister. I read lots of books but my favourite hobby is knitting at school.

by: *Niamh Randles*

I like going places. I like going to Chicago. I like going to Funderland. But most of all I like going to parties! My favourite hobbies are playing football and soccer.

by : *Luke O'Donoghue*

Local Club in All-Ireland.

Dr. Crokes, the local G.A.A. Club were representing Kerry on St. Patrick's Day in the All Ireland Senior Club Football Final in Croke Park. They had played Nemo Rangers in the Munster Semi-Final. They had played the Nire in the Munster Final. They travelled to London to take on St. Brendan's. In the All Ireland Semi-final they had two days out against Moorefield. They finally made it to Croke Park to take on Crossmaglen Rangers. It ended up in a draw and Crokes travelled to Portlaoise for the replay. Crossmaglen ended up winners. They Dr. Crokes team did the county, the club and the Kerry supporters proud.

By: Zoe O'Sullivan 5th class.

THE DEBATES.



Our First Debate

On Friday before the mid-term, fifth and sixth class had their first debate of the year. The motion was that homework should be abolished. The captain of the proposing team was Gearóid Coughlan. The captain of the opposing team was Elizabeth Fuller. The judges were Mrs. Whitty and Fran Stoet. Though the score was tight, the proposing team were victorious.

Everyone was happy with the outcome. Although the opposing team lost we were all looking forward to our next debate.

Our second Debate.

On Friday before the Easter Holidays, fifth and sixth class had their second debate. This time the motion was that homework should be abolished. The captain of the opposing team was Ellen O'Sullivan and the captain of the proposing team was Cian Ó Lionáird. Each team fought hard and had good points but at the end of the day, the proposing team won. We learned a lot from our debates and hope that these skills will help the sixth class in the future to be able to listen and understand both points of view.

By: Elaine Courtney 5th class.



Saying Goodbye to Mrs Buckley

Mrs Buckley was a Learning support teacher for four years in Scoil Bride. She is also well known as a harpist and a singer. She took groups of children for choir. Mrs Buckley retired after Lily was born. She still continues her music career. On September the 14th the pupils and parents made a presentation to Mrs Buckley. Everyone gathered around in the yard in

Brú na Páirce. Mary Theresa Doyle gave a speech on behalf of the parents and Board of Management. I myself gave Mrs Buckley flowers and sang a song for the schoolchildren. We thanked Mrs Buckley for her kindness and effort and we will always remember her.

By: Ben Quinlan 6th Class

A Christmas Visit.

Some of the children from fifth and sixth class visited Killarney Community Hospital and St. Columbanus' Home during Christmas week 2006.

Mrs. O'Sullivan organised the trip. We went with young people from Clonkeen and Glenflesk. Our plan was to entertain the residents.

We went to Killarney Community Hospital first. We sang Christmas Carols in the Oratory and the carols could be heard all over the hospital. We danced in most of the wards. Ben played the accordion.

We chatted with the patients and offered them some sweets. The patients were delighted with the entertainment and the company.

Then we went to St. Columbanus' Home and we sang carols in the dayrooms and some of the wards, where residents were confined to bed. We had a little party afterwards. Mrs. O'Sullivan brought the refreshments. We had great fun. I think the residents really enjoyed our visit. This is what Christmas is all about.

By Elizabeth Fuller 6th class

Ms. O'Shea

This year we had a new P.E. teacher. Her name is Ms. O'Shea. We had two classes of yoga. It was fun and relaxing. We listened to comforting music. We also learned yoga moves such as the cobra, the dog and the prayer position. We also learned creative dancing.

During break each team would start learning their dance. During P.E. time the different groups did their dance routine. When each group had finished their dance Ms. O'Shea would give points for individuality and creativity. Each team had brilliant dances. We are delighted to have Ms. O'Shea as our P.E. teacher.

Ms. O'Mahony

For five weeks we had a trainee teacher. Her name is Ms. O'Mahony. She split us into groups. Each group had a special name, like the Super Seven, The Reliable Row, the Saintly Squad and the Leading Ladies. We were each rated with stars. We also made name tags. Each evening after school she would stick sticker under our names. We were also rated in points. At the end of the five weeks we counted up the points and we each got a prize. We really liked having Ms. O'Mahony as our teacher.

By: Andrea McCarthy 4th Class, Adam O'Shea and Jack O'Connor 3rd class.

Ms. Lucey's Journey in Antarctica

Mrs. Moynihan invited Ms. Lucy to come to our school to tell us about her journey in Antarctica. She told us that there was 82 other people on the trip and the trip cost €10,000. They retraced Tom Creans journey in reverse order. They set out from Cork to Dublin to Haley and onto South America. They had to get permission from Governments to arrive on the island called Elephant Island.

There were lots of Icebergs. They were green, blue and striped. Icebergs calf from each other. There is lots of wildlife in the Antarctica. There is a seal called the "Elephant Seal" and another one called the Leopard seal. They look very cute but are vicious.

There are lots and lots of penguins. One type are called the Emperor Penguins, when it is a baby it is very fluffy and when they are becoming an adult they start to moult.

She brought a DVD that had lots of pictures of animals and a teddy called Freddy. She said you have to wear two hats three pairs of gloves, five layers of clothes and snow shoes. There was lakes and museum called after Tom Cream.

By: Siobhán Fleming 4th class, Caoimhe Lynch and Aoife O'Donoghue 3rd class.

Community Games Art



In mid February we started to draw a picture for the Community Games Art. The picture had to be showing a particular sport. Mr. O'Halloran came to collect the art from the school. A month later the school were notified about the students who had qualified to go to Listowel. The students who qualified were: Under 8 Sarah Byrnes, Aoife Farrell and Darren Mulcahy. In the under 10's Níamh O'Sullivan came first, Julia Buckley came 2nd and Kathryn Cronin came 3rd. In the under 12 section Hannah McAuliffe came 1st. Under 14 Oliver Collins came 3rd and Conor Murphy came 4th. When we went to Listowel we collected our sheets of paper and found a table. We had two and a half hours to draw our picture and then we waited for the results. Unfortunately nobody got through to Mosney.

By: Hannah McAuliffe 4th class Níamh O'Sullivan and Julia Buckley 3rd class.

Oíche Shamhna.

An lá roimh Oíche Shamhna a bhí ann. Chuir gach duine hata dubh, clóca dubh agus buataisí dubha ortha. Chuaigh gach duine ar scoil. Bhí gach duine gléasta suas le eadaí bréige. Bhí féasta mór again. D'íth gach duine milséan blasta, criospaí agus grán Rósta. Bhí gach duine ag damhsa. Bhí glíondar croí orainn go léir. Thug gach duine €2 don Life Education Bus mar bí siad gléasta suas. Bhailigh na muinteoirí breis is €200. Nuair a tháinig Oíche Shamhna bhí athás an domháin orainn. Gléas mé féin suas i mo eadaí bréige arís. Chuamar ó teach go teach. Fuaireamar úlla, bananaí, oráistí, fionn chaora crónna agus milséan. Chuamar abhaile. Bhí féasta mór again. Bhí ceol agus craic again. Bhí gach duine ag imirt cluichí. Bhain gach duine taitneamh as an oíche.

Áine Ní Shuilleabháin agus Kara Ní Chonchúir Rang 4

Kerry Primary School Sports

The Kerry Primary School Sports were held at An Ríocht Track in Castleisland on Saturday 26th May. The rain of the day did not dampen the spirit of the competitors. The school was represented in most races. At the end of a long day David Shaw and Billy Courtney took the stand for the gold medal places. David Shaw raced home to take a gold in the 60m. Billy Courtney won the 100m.

The first and second boys relay team were placed second. Coming impressively from behind to clench the silver medals a great run had by all. The relay team was as follows: Billy Courtney, David Shaw, Luke O'Donoghue, Gary Lyne and Cian Gammell hearty congratulations boys.

The first and second class girls relay team qualified for the county final also. They ran their hearts out and performed really well to come in 5th place the team was: Emily Cronin, Áine O'Sullivan, Caoimhe Kelly Abby O'Donoghue, Elizabeth Mohan. Well done to Elaine Courtney also who came fourth in 100m.

Finally well done to all the athletes from our school who competed in this highly competitive event. You did your school proud.

The Gathering

In March two men named Jim and Connie came to our school to play music. Jim played guitar and Connie played the fiddle. Áine O'Sullivan and Hannah McAuliffe from 4th class danced a jig and a reel. Kara O'Connor danced with Lucy Collins and Hannah Collins and Laura O'Sullivan all danced a set. It was all very enjoyable.

By: Kara O'Connor, Andrea McCarthy, Hannah Collins and Lauren O'Connor. 4th class

Focal Buíochas

Sincere thanks to our teachers, our secretary Margaret, our caretaker Sean, our SNA—Grainne, the Board of Management, Parents Association and all who have helped in any way with the running of our school over the past year.

In particular we would like to thank Marie Cronin for her great help in producing this newsletter.

Thanks also to all the parents who collected SUPERVALU and TESCO tokens and gave them to their children. With these tokens we have ordered P.E. Equipment



Cumann na mBunscoil Football County Semi- Final Loreto V Agha tubrid.

This year our school got to the County semi-final of the Cumann Na mBunscoil football league. We were playing against Agha tubrid N.S. The game was played in Glenbeigh on Friday November 10th. Kick off time was at one o'clock. The weather was set and windy but thankfully the rain cleared off during the game.

We got off to a great start and we were first to put a point on the scoreboard. Unfortunately we had a lot of wides in the first ten minutes. Gearóid Coughlan and Cian O' Lionáird played outstandingly in mid - field. Conor Murphy made some magnificent saves in goals, but Aghatubrid were leading by one point and half time. We were still in with a good chance and everyone on our team tried his or her best.

At half time Mrs. O'Sullivan told us to keep



up the good work as we were still in with a good chance of winning the semi-final.

At the start of the second half Agha tubrid scored a goal, followed by a point and soon we were five points behind, but we never stopped trying and the goal with Michael Ryan scored brought us right back into the game. It was a tense game and we came to within one point of winning.

When the game was over we were disappointed but it just wasn't our day.

The final score: Aghatubrid N.S 2 - 6, Loreto N.S. - 2 - 5.

After Mrs. O'Sullivan gave us drinks and sweets and told us she was very proud of us.

We returned to Killarney defeated but never the less wiser. We were delighted when

Mrs. O'Sullivan told us that the Football All Star Seamus Moynihan has agreed to present the East Kerry Cup and medals to our team.

By: Jason Farrell 5th Class

Heineken Cup Visits Loreto

Munster won the Heineken Cup. On May 2006 our rugby coach, Ray brought the Heineken Cup to our school. Munster came first in their group by score difference and beating Peppianon in the quarter Final.

Munster again won the semi final hammering neighbours Leinster. Biarritz were the French champions and had never lost in the Heineken Cup that season. Their wing forward scored early but Munster fought back with a try. The

teams were level. Stringer scored from a scrum and O'Gara kicked two penalties in the second half. Biarritz were attempting a try and man of the match, Peter Stringer cleared the ball and Munster were European Champions. I was delighted that the Heineken Cup came to our school and I hope that Munster will win the Heineken Cup again.

By: Tomás O'Sullivan 6th Class

County Quarter Final

On the 26th of October we prepared to face Kilgarven in the Quarter- Final. At 12.00pm we gathered our gear and headed off in high spirits for Glenflesk G.A.A, pitch.

We arrived at Glenflesk and had a run around before changing. We went into the changing room to get changed and get our jerseys.

Our captain for this match was Ben Quinn. Harry O'Neill was referee. We started brightly with a goal from Cian and points from Gearoid, Cian and Laurence. Kilgarven came back with a goal. Cian scored two more points. Kilgarven scored a further three points. We gained three points one from Oliver and two from Gearoid.

Kilgarvan scored one more point before the interval. We lead 1-9 to 1-4 at the break.

Kilgarvan were fresher after the break and scored an early goal and a point. We put more scores on the board one from Gearoid and two from Cian. Kilgarvan put three more points on the board. We responded with two more points on the board one from Oliver and one from Laurence. Kilgarvan put two more points on the board to put the match down to one point. Tension was high but Cian and Gearoid scored a point each to secure a victory. On this occasion man of the match was birthday boy Cian O'Lionaird.

We played a friendly game afterwards and all our subs got to display their talents to the full.

By: Gearoid Coughlan 6th Class

Spa School Sports.

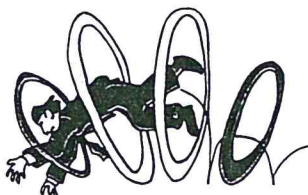
On Wednesday 2nd May the qualifying round for the County Schools Final were held in Spa G.A.A pitch. The schools that took part were Loreto N.S, Lissivigeen N.S and Loughquittane N.S. There were relay teams from first class upwards and individuals from all classes. There was also a tiny tots race. Loreto were very successful. The first and second class boys and girls relays were victorious.

The first and second class boys and girls class team consisted of Abigail O'Donoghue, Áine O'Sullivan, Caoimhe Kelly, and Emily Cronin- sub Elizabeth Mohan.

The first and second class boys team are: Billy Courtney, David Shaw, Gary

Lyne and Luke O'Donoghue – sub Cian Gammell. The individual boys to qualify were: David Shaw, Billy Courtney, Seán O'Brien, Luke Casey, Ryan O'Connor, Michael Ryan, Oliver Collins, Michael Foley and Conor Murphy.

The girls to qualify were Elaine Courtney, Lauren O'Connor, Kara O'Connor, Aoife O'Donoghue, Abigail O'Donoghue and Niamh Randles.



We wish them all the very best of luck in the County Finals in Castleisland.

**By: Ryan O'Connor
5th Class.**

Football Skills Competition

Oliver Collins, Connor Murphy and Cian Ó Lionáird took part in the skills competition on the 24th April 2007 at the Dr. Crokes pitch at 4p.m. It was a competition for primary schools in the Killarney area. There were ten different tasks such as:

- Pick up the ball and fist it over the bar,
- Run while soloing,
- Punt kick into the net without leaving it touch the ground
- Kick off the ground over the bar
- Roll the ball and pick it up
- High catch and the long kick.

Cian won player of the tournament. He got 24 out of 27 in the skills. Annablaha primary school came first and Loreto primary school came third. Vince Conper was overseeing the competition. The skills were difficult and it was very tight. There was a lot of pressure on us.

Luckily some of us are able to participate again next year so there will be lots of practice in preparation. Congratulations to Cian and we wish him every good luck in the county final.

On Monday 15th May Rebecca Walsh, Elaine Courtney and Ellen O'Sullivan will be participating in the Girls Football Skills Competition at the Dr. Crokes football pitch at 4.00p.m. We are practising hard in school and hope to represent the school well.

By: Oliver Collins 5th class and Ellen O'Sullivan 6th class.

Easter

On the 30th March 2007 we had our Easter Raffle. Mrs Hickey brought in the class prizes for every class and the over all prize of a big teddy. Sarah Byrnes won this overall prize. We had a half day and went home at 12.30. Everyone bought tickets and everyone won a few prizes. We raised approximately €1,225. Every class gave in more than €100. The money went to the children in Peru to build schools, to get food and to do and buy things like that. We also got chocolate and



Easter eggs and sweets from the raffle. Every year children look forward to the Easter Raffle because of the prizes, Easter Eggs and chocolate. The aster Raffle is also a very good thing because children get to give and get new things. Everybody participates and has great fun. It is also very exiting to see whose name gets picked out of the big box of tickets. It was great fun an exciting day.

By: Hannah Collins 4th class, David Naughton and Jack Foley 3rd class.

Going Swimming

This year 3rd 4th 5th and 6th class went swimming in the Aquila Club on Mondays until the 30th April. Our swimming time was 1.20 to 2.50 p.m. When we came in we got twenty minutes to play before we started swimming lessons. There were two groups an advanced group and a beginners group. There were twenty one children in the advanced group and eight children in the beginners group. We learned how to do backstroke, how to dive, breaststroke and front crawl. It was fun.

Our teachers name was Kathy. The shallow end of the pool was three feet and the deep end was 5.12 feet. Every week parents came to help out.

The dads helped the boys and the moms and teachers helped with the girls.

We look forward to going swimming again next year.

By: Patrick Courtney, Darragh O'Sullivan and Tara Casey 3rd class.

Killarney Summer Fest carnival of Nations, Street Parade.

The pupils from 5th and 6th class will be participating in this year's Killarney Summerfest community parade on the evening of the 4th July. Workshops will be held in the school before the end of term in which Summerfest will provide all materials and we will make our own costumes. This will be a unique opportunity for students to participate and work with professional facilitators in this creative project. We look forward to the workshops and to a great evening taking part in the parade on the 4th July.

By: Ellen O'Sullivan 6th Class

Baby News !!



Congratulations to Ms. Bowe on the birth of her baby daughter Grace who arrived safely on September 8th. We will all be praying for Ms. O'Connell as her big day approaches. We wish them all well.

The Stop and Stare Theatre Group

On the 21st May 2007, the Stop and Stare Theatre will come to our school. This is a group of adults with learning disabilities. The organiser is Liam Doherty.

Liam will work with 5th and 6th class and the members of the group. We will be involved in "role play" together about subjects relating to our own lives such as bullying, name calling, awareness of those less fortunate than ourselves and disability. We will learn not to judge a book by its cover i.e. not to judge people by appearance.

We are a little nervous about joining in with people with special needs but by the end of the day we will have lost our worries and struck up friendships with the adults. First, second, third and fourth class will come to watch our performance. It will be a very worthwhile day.

By: Michael Lagan 5th class

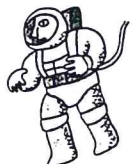
Discover Primary Science

The 5th and 6th class took part in the Discover Primary Science Initiative. The activities were fun and we learned a lot about science. There were six curriculum activities –

- Design a bridge
- Paper helicopters
- Can you balance
- Rainbow spinner
- Make a lighthouse and
- Strange Sounds

We participated in other activities also and demonstrated them to the other children in the school. A scientist, Lynn Boylan visited our school for a day and taught us all about bugs. We visited the Kerry Alternative Energy Centre in Sneem.

A big thank you to our fundraisers who ran a very successful Film Night and Race Evening. A golf classic is planned in the near future. Well done to everyone involved and everyone who supported these events.



Coming to School by Bus!

Coming to school by bus is fun for us because we can have fun and talk with our friends. We have two buses. Bus Éireann and Donovan Bus.

The drivers names are Tony and John. They are both very kind and we are lucky to have them. We use the bus to go and come from school. There are five bus stops. Both buses have hydraulics which is really fun for the children. All the children hope that we will get the bus next year in our new school.

One morning Bus Éireann broke down so all the children had to go on the Donovan's bus. We all love going to school by bus.

By: Rachel Randles, Cian Griffin and Creagh Courtney. 3rd Class



"Christmas in Killarney" parade

It was Thursday 30th of November and it was the day of the "Christmas in Killarney" parade. The weather was terrible that day. We thought the parade would be called off. But no the show went on. We were meant to assemble in the Fairhill car park but instead we had to meet in the Killarney Outlet Centre. There were smaller number at the parade than last year but the atmosphere was great and we wearing high spirits wearing our Santa hats, carrying torches walking behind our school banner. When we arrived at the market cross Santa Claus, The Mayor of Killarney Sheila Casey and Michael Courtney turned on the Christmas lights.

**By Laurence Byrnes
6th class**

The mini sevens

The 4th, 5th and 6th class girls went to play in the mini sevens in Fitzgerald's stadium in Killarney on Wednesday February 28th 2007. We felt such an honour to play in such a historical Stadium. The weather was terrible. In such harsh conditions it was going to be a hard first game. Our first game was against Two Mile School. Elaine Courtney was out with an injury and was unable to play. Aine O'Sullivan was unable to play either due to the fact she was sick. Two Mile started off stronger with some good scores. Unfortunately Loreto could not keep up with the standards of Two Mile. Though Loreto was disappointed, that did not stop them in their next match against the Gaelscoil. This time Loreto started better with a great point from Alison Shaw. In mid-field Kara O'Connor caught some lovely balls. Ellen O'Sullivan, Emily Treacy and Andrea McCarthy played a great defence. Up in the forwards were Zoe O'Sullivan and Eimear O'Sullivan who kept us in the game. At half time the game was draw. In the second half our goalie Hannah Collins made some great saves to keep us in the game. The game was very close and in the last minute the Gaelscoil scored a goal. Unfortunately, when Hannah kicked out the ball the game was over. The team would like to thank our couch, Mrs O'Sullivan for training us and taking us out to such a huge event.

The team was: Ellen O'Sullivan (captain), Zoe O'Sullivan, Alison Shaw, Elaine Courtney, Kara O'Connor, Eimear O'Sullivan, Andrea McCarthy, Emily Treacy, Aine O'Sullivan and our coach was Mrs O'Sullivan.

By; Elaine Courtney, 5th class.



Proceeds of our Newsletter

The proceeds of our school magazine will go to a very good cause—the children of Chernobyl.

I am sure you have all head of the nuclear disaster which happened in Chernobyl in April 25th, 1986. Our proceeds will go towards giving the children of Chernobyl, a holiday in Killarney when they arrive to stay with their host families for the month of July.

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause

Visit to Kerry Alternative Technology Centre



On Tuesday 24th of April 2007 the 5th and 6th class and the green school committee accompanied by Mrs O'Connell and Mrs O'Sullivan went to visit the K.A.T centre. The centre is situated on forest area on the river Tahilla outside Sneem. The bus driver was a little worried about manoeuvring around some of the precautious bends, but we arrived safely in this beautiful, isolated spot. We were welcomed by Bob and Paul who introduced us to their way of life and gave us lectures on :



- 1- Waste and recycling
- 2- Composting and Organic growing
- 3 - The efficient use of electricity
- 4 - How the centre creates its own sources of Alternative, eco-friendly energy
- 5- Global warming and climate change.

Part of the Organic garden was in polytunnel. No chemicals are used, only natural compost. They have ten compost bins in constant rotation. The little plants grow up through horticultural membrane. They grow parsley, lettuce, broad, beans, spinach, cabbage, tomatoes and cauliflower. We saw peach, apricot and fig-trees. Cian tried an edible berry called Physalis also known as Chinese Gooseberry.

Outside the polytunnel were apple trees. There were also Onions, Raspberries, gooseberries, pears, blackberries and blueberries growing inside the tunnel. There were several hoses inside the tunnel which were turned on for five minutes each day to water the plants. There was an Irrigation system on one plant of the river. A dam was constructed with pipes coming out of it, to spray the land around it. Along the river there was another dam, only this one made electricity. The electricity was stored in batteries and then released to the houses in the area. Five adults and three children live in the centre. They have fruit houses from natural and recycled materials.

The walls were made from pallets and the roof from turf, the glass in the windows is re-used. They grow all their own fresh fruit and vegetables and next year they hope to grow oats and breakfast will be sorted. They produce their own electricity from wind, sun and water. This is stored in batteries in the battery house until needed. We saw the solar shower and the compost toilet. They feel ordinary toilets cause pollution and are wasteful. Volunteers' work on the Organic farm called woofs, willing workers on organic farms. They work in exchange for food and accommodation.

We were shown how to make compost. We were asked to try to save electricity, to save money and to save the environment. Humans are changing the climate of the world by releasing CO₂ into the atmosphere. If sea levels rise, the planet will be in big trouble. We must make an effort to save the environment for our children.

We learned from this trip that we use far too much electricity and must try to save it. We admired the people for all the sacrifices that they made. However, we don't think we will ever be able to fully walk the walk but we will try to make a difference by saving electricity and by recycling. We enjoyed the visit and hope to go back some day!

**By Ben Quinlan 6th class Michael
Ryan and Colin O'Donoghue 5th class**

Living in Brú na Páirce

This year was a very exciting year. We moved to a new facility. We are now living in Brú na Páirce. School is o.k but we would prefer Loreto. Facilities are not the best but we hope the facilities in the New Loreto will be much better. The classrooms were very dull and dark but thanks to Eamonn and Valerie Courtney they offered to paint Mrs. Hickey's room. Wet days were very boring. The floor was wet, damp and sticky. We normally played games. It was very noisy in the classrooms, the walls were damp and our posters kept falling down. It was also a very cold classroom. Mrs Hickey brought in a small heater. The days when break time was dry were o.k but we had several wet days in November and December when we were inside all the time. The teachers were tired from being inside too. The playing field was very muddy. Almost every break the boys came in filthy. We enjoyed our year here Brú na Páirce and we are looking forward to going back to the new Loreto.

By: Eimear O'Sullivan 4th class, Oisín Shannon and Jevon Flaherty 3rd.

Our School Tour.

On the 25th May 2007 3rd 4th 5th and 6th class hope to visit U.L.A.C activity Centre in Limerick. We are going by bus and everyone is very excited.

When we get there we hope to do two land based and two water based activities. We may be doing High Ropes, Archery or perhaps orienteering. For the water based activities we could be doing windsurfing, sailing, kayaking or canoeing. As it is a long journey we will be leaving the school at seven thirty and arriving home at six o'clock approx. It is a long journey to Limerick seventy five miles so we need to bring a packed lunch and get on the road early. If you are not a good traveller Mrs. Hickey recommends travel sickness banks. We are hoping for good weather and a fun day out. We hope we will all arrive home safely.

By: Emily Treacy 4th class and Jane Culloty 3rd class.

The trip to the Life Education Bus.

On Wednesday morning in February 2007 we were invited to visit the Life Education Bus. Inside we met Seamus Whitty and his assistant Edel. Seamus welcomed us back and we met some old friends like Tammy and Harold. We were allowed to touch each part of Tammy's body and they lit us as we touched it. We then were shown a video about taking drugs. It was very interesting.

Smoking is very dangerous for our health and is bad for the environment. "Smoking Kills". Drugs are very

bad for us as you could get dependent on them and they could ruin ones life. There are various drugs in the world. Some drugs can damaged your brain and that is one of the most important parts of your body. Seamus asked us to pass a message from one to the other and the last person said it out loud which indicated to us that the brain sends messages to your mouth and is a very important part of our body. Seamus and Edel put some music on and we all danced. We then left and said goodbye.

We all thought that the Life Education Bus was very enjoyable and educational.

By: Lydia Coughlan, Seán O'Brien 3rd class and Lauren O'Connor 4th class.

From Poland to Scoil Bhride

My name is Alisha Korzec. I am 11 years old. I came to Ireland two months ago. In Poland I attended primary school with 32 other pupils. I like my school in Ireland because my teacher is very nice and so helpful. We have lots of games and holidays. I am very happy that my brother Filip attends the same school.

By: Alisha Korzec 4th Class



It's a Bugs Life



On the 17th January 2007 Lynn Boylan came from Killarney National Park Education Centre to talk to us about bugs as part of our Discovery Primary Science Project. We learned a lot of useful information.

First Lynn told us about mammals. She told us that mammals give birth to live young. Mammals feed their young with their own milk. They are warm blooded mammals bodies are covered with hair or fur. Next she told us about insects. Insects have six legs. Their bodies are made up of three different parts the head, thorax and abdomen. Insects have an exoskeleton. Lynn said that insects have antennae, which they use to smell. They see through compound eyes. All insects go through metamorphosis.

Next Lynn talked to us about bees. She told us that all the bees we see out are female bees. Male bees (drones) sit all day being fed. Bees communicate through dance. When bees dance in a circle that means flowers are near, when bees dance in a figure of eight that means flowers are far away. Afterwards, Lynn talked to us about the housefly. The house fly gets sick on food, the vomit contains acid, and this dissolves the food. Then the house fly can suck it up. So keep food covered or in the fridge. Insects adapt their mouths to the type of food they eat. Bees need very long tongues to reach nectar in flowers. In winter they eat honey. Butterflies and moths also have very long tongues called a proboscis.

Lynn told us about the Mosquito. The mosquito is the most dangerous insect in the world; it spreads the disease Malaria but only through the female's bite. The midge also sucks blood. Ants eat dead insects and leftover food. They also farm and protect Aphids because they produce Honeydew for ants. The Dragonfly has strong jaws so he can eat other insects; they need to be able to crunch through the exoskeleton of other insects

Insects use camouflage to hide from predators. Brightly coloured insects decide to stand out instead as a warning that they are dangerous. Lynn gave us pooters to bring outside to catch some insects. Then we looked through a microscope at the insects we found.

Lynn's visit was very interesting. She taught a lot of new things we didn't know already.



By: Shona O'Sullivan 6th class.

Boys mini sevens

On the 27th of February 2007 the boys mini sevens were held in Fitzgerald's Stadium. There were 21 schools taking part. Loreto were in-group 6 along with St.Olivers N.S. and Loughquittane N.S.

Our first match was against St.Olivers. We started better struck with a goal and a point from Cian. St.Olivers kept putting the pressure on our defence and were rewarded with a goal. St.Olivers attacked in a valiant effort and were one on one with the keeper but failed on a goal attempt with a mighty save from our goal-keeper Connor Murphy. St Oliver's scored a point before the interval.

St.Olivers began better in the second half opening the scoring with a point. Loreto never threw in the towel and were rewarded with a magnificent goal from Laurence and soon after Micheal ryan scored a point. St.Olivers battled hard and found the net just before full-time. Final score Loreto 2-2 St.Olivers 2-2

Next up on our agenda was Loughquittane. Loreto started brightly with four points two from Cian and two from Laurence. Loughquittane tried hard but were

stopped by the two solid backs for this match Colin and Ben. Loughquittane having tried very hard were unable to put a score on the board. To decide who went through from our group there was a replay between St.Olivers and Loreto. It was an exciting first half but Loreto failed to register a goal. Half time Loreto 0-0 St. Olivers 0-2. Loreto never gave up in the second half and were rewarded with a superior goal. St.Olivers scored two late points to book their place in the semi-final. Final score Loreto 1-0 St.Olivers 0-4.

Foireann: Conor Murphy, Colin O'Donoghue, Jason Farrell, Cian O' Lion'aord. Oliver Collins, Laurence Byrnes, Michael Ryan.

Subs: Tomás O'Sullivan, Ryan O'Connor and Ben Quinlan who all played exceptionally well when they were brought on.

By Gearóid Coughlan 6th class

East Kerry Schools Football Blitz

On the 9/10/06 we set off to Kilcummin for the East Kerry Schools Football Blitz. We were very excited and left the school in high spirits, knowing it was going to be a great day. Our first game was against Kilcummin N.S. We started well with a point from Cian. Then Kilcummin hit back with two goals but some superb team moves resulted in three cracking goals two from Laurence and one from Gearóid. Ryan, Colin and Alison were playing in the backs. At half time we were one point in the lead. In the second half we scored an early goal from Cian, and further points from Gearóid, Conor and Laurence closed the game. The full time score was Loreto: 5 – 4, Kilcummin 5 – 0.

In our second game we played Knockaderry National N.S. They started strongly with a couple of points, but three point from Cian and one from Gearóid meant that we maintained a narrow lead in the first half. Man of the match Conor Murphy made some magnificent saves and Jason Farrell was working hard up front. In the second half we scored well, with Cian Laurence and Gearóid sharing points. Knockaderry hit back with five long-range points, but goals from Colin and Cian ensured a win for Loreto. The final score was 2-7 to 0-7.

In our third game we played Faha N.S. Two goals from Laurence, a goal and a point from Cian gave us a great start, but only for the superb defending of Alison, Ellen, Ryan and Colin, Faha could have been in for a few goals.

In the second half Faha got valuable scores and a last minute goal earned them a draw. The final score was Loreto 3 – 5 Faha 4 – 2. This meant that we had to beat Gneeveguilla to ensure an East Kerry Final showdown between Loreto and Faha.

Against Gneeveguilla we again started brightly with points from Laurence and Cian. Then Ryan received a great pass from the hard working Elaine, and powered through the centre for a well deserved solo goal. Unfortunately for us Gneeveguilla scored a goal and six points to leave us a few points down at half time. A rousing team talk from Mrs. O'Sullivan got our team spirit back. We stormed back into the game with goals from Gearóid, Laurence and Cian, with points coming from all three soon after. Gneeveguilla got a few consolation points at the end. Full time score was Loreto 4 – 5, Gneeveguilla 1 – 9.

We were proud of ourselves for doing so well and enjoyed our day very much. All the subs came on and did very well. What a cracking replay final on 16/10/06 in Kilcummin. We emerged the winners with a scoreline of Loreto 6 – 8 Faha 3 – 6.

Team: Conor Murphy, Colin O'Donoghue, Ryan O'Connor, Alison Shaw, Ellen O'Sullivan, Cian Ó Lionáird, Gearóid Coughlan, Laurence Byrnes, Elaine Courtney, Jason Farrell, Michael Lagan. Subs: Ben Quinn, Rebecca Walsh, Zoe O'Sullivan, Alastair Burkitt, Tomás O' Sullivan.

By: Cian Ó Lionáird 6th Class.

Cumann na mbunscoil— East Kerry Final

On the 16th October 2006 we headed to Kilcummin knowing that a hard and challenging game lay ahead. We were excited yet anxious about the day ahead. In the first half there were some outstanding goals from Elaine, Laurence and Gearóid. Faha responded well with two goals and four points so the score at half time was 4 – 4 / 2-5 to Loreto.



There were more scores added by Cian, Laurence and Colin. The full time score Loreto 6 – 8 to Faha's 3 – 6. After the original game was over Faha agreed to a sub match and all the subs got a run. They were two great games and everyone had a great day. We were overjoyed with the result and we look forward to the presentation of the medals.

In the second half there was a goal from Michael Ryan. Faha came back strongly with two goals.

By: Alison Shaw 5th Class.

Our School Play

On the 19th December 2006 we performed our annual class play. The play was called Lord Snoot of Haughty Hall the characters were:

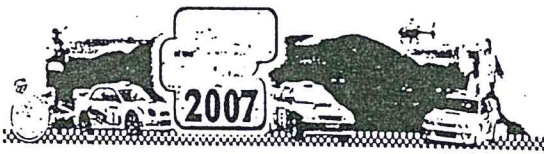
Lord Snoot: Elizabeth Fuller
 Lady Snub: Ben Quinlan
 Auntie Dote: Ellen O'Sullivan
 Tipps: Laurence Byrnes
 Dibber Diggs: Gearóid Coughlan
 Mrs. Burn Bread:
 Elaine Courtney
 Waitress 1: Caoimhe Doyle
 Waitress 2: Rebecca Walsh
 Ginger nut: Michael Ryan

Doubting Thomas:
 Tomás O'Sullivan
 Greta Graball: Shona O'Sullivan
 Twins: Alastair Burkitt and
 Oliver Collins.
 Gas Works Gang:
 Colin O'Donoghue,
 Jason Farrell and
 Ryan O'Connor.
 Minister Loosechange:
 Michael Lagan
 The Bailiffs: Cian Ó Lionáird and
 Conor Murphy.
 Mr. Gunk: Conor Murphy
 Sir Smedley: Alison Shaw

Lady Cynthia: Zoë O'Sullivan.

We gathered lots of clothes from Mrs. O'Sullivan's attic and from home. We performed the play for all the other classes. Then we performed it for the parents. We had to perform it twice to fit everyone in and they all loved it. Elaine's mom took a video of us. We collected about €400 for Cystic Fibrosis Build for Life Campaign. We really enjoyed doing the play.

By: Rebecca Walsh and Alastair Burkitt. 5th class



On Friday 4th May we were getting all of our gear ready. My dad's men came from Wales with the cars. After school we went to scrutiny at the fire station on the bypass road. We were asked to pull in and he checked the car. One of our cars passed but the other one failed because it had no sticker. We went for dinner and decided on an early night. The next day I went with my uncle on the motorbike. I went to watch six stages of the Rally. It was very fast, energetic and exciting. At the end my dad came tenth overall and 2nd in his class. At the prize giving my dad got three trophies and the John Mullane Cup. It was a great weekend.

By: Colin O'Donoghue 5th Class

Dental Hygiene



The dental hygienist Scott Rude came to our school. He spoke to Senior Infants and First class. He advised us to eat well and to look after our teeth.



The Spirit of Christmas

On the 7th December 3rd and 4th class went to the Spirit of Christmas. We arrived at school at ten past nine and Mrs. Long, Mrs. Hickey and Miss O' Mahony were there to supervise us on our school tour. The bus picked us up at 10.30 a.m. and brought us to McDonalds. We had a meal and set off to the I. N.E.C. When we got there we gave our tickets to the doorman and found our seats. Our seats were in the front row so we had a great view.

We waited fifteen minutes before the show started. Everyone danced and sang Christmas songs. One man dressed up as Santa and he came out in his sledge with all his reindeers and Rudolph at the front. Then his elf came out and we had a clapping competition. The row that clapped the loudest won. Then mice came out and sang "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth". There was an elephant and penguins that sang songs as well. At the end of the show some of the dancers came down and danced with us. We all enjoyed the show and we would like to thank Mrs. Hickey for the wonderful day out.

By Kara O'Connor 4th class and Kathryn Cronin 3rd class



